

COMMUNITY & FAMILY PARTNERS IN WEST VIRGINIA SCHOOLS

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BENEFITS OF PARTNERSHIPS

Schools must attend to both the academic success of students as well as the social, emotional, and behavioral developmental needs of the child. Schools cannot do it alone. In order to have the most positive impact on the academic and wellness outcomes of students, it is imperative that schools, communities, and families work together through a collaborative and comprehensive approach.



Community partners augment services in the school building and link students to other services and support in the community. A successful partnership between school, community, and families has a significantly positive impact on student wellness and success.

EXAMPLE PARTNER INITIATIVES IN WEST VIRGINIA SCHOOLS

21st Century Community Learning Center

21st CCLC programs provide academic enrichment opportunities for students during non-school hours by helping them meet state and local academic standards and offering a broad array of enrichment activities that complement regular academic programs.

wvde.us/student-support-well-being/21st-cclc

Communities In Schools

CIS works inside school systems with superintendents, principals, educators, and other personnel, to forge community partnerships that bring resources into schools and help remove barriers to student learning.

wvde.us/cis

Graduation 20/20

WV GRADUATION 20/20 is a West Virginia initiative to ensure all students graduate from high school with a world-class education, who are college- and career-ready, with an emphasis on students with disabilities.

wvde.us/student-support-well-being/graduation-20-20

Family-Educator Resource Center (PERC) Project

The PERC project builds partnerships between families and educators to ensure children with disabilities receive the highest educational opportunities and achievement possible.

wvde.us/special-education/family-and-public-partnership/family-and-community-engagement/

West Virginia Expanded School Mental Health

Expanded school mental health (ESMH) comprehensive system of mental health services and programs that builds on core services typically provided by schools. The framework includes the full continuum of prevention, early intervention and treatment.

wvesmh.org



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ADDITIONAL PARTNER INITIATIVES IN WEST VIRGINIA SCHOOLS

Community Schools

A community school is both a place and a set of partnerships between the school and other community resources. Its integrated focus on academics, health and social services, youth and community development and community engagement lead to improved student learning, stronger families and healthier communities (WVBE Policy 2425).

Common Ground

Common Ground delivers a means for schools and school districts to request guest speaker visits from military service organizations in an effort to positively impact student success. wvde.us/commonground

Handle With Care

Handle With Care is a statewide, trauma-informed response to child maltreatment or exposure to violence through improved communication and collaboration between law enforcement, schools/child care agencies and mental health providers. www.handlewithcarewv.org

Prevent Suicide West Virginia (DHHR)

Prevent Suicide WV provides a wide array of services to children, teens, adults and the elderly. Prevent Suicide West Virginia increases the capacity of suicide prevention education, including training for school personnel when requested. Preventsuicidewv.org

ReClaimWV

This collaborative initiative involves state agencies, higher education, and other organizations to provide various levels of support for all students as well educators, families, and community members relating to opioid and substance use, trauma, and mental health needs. wvde.us/reclaimwv

School-Based Health Centers (SBHCs)

SBHCs are health clinic sites sponsored and managed by Community Health Centers. A range of services are offered to children, adolescents and the school community within a school site.

dhhr.wv.gov/dpc/school_based/Pages/default.aspx or www.wvpca.org/content.asp?contentid=168

Trauma-Sensitive Schools

Trauma-Sensitive Schools provide increased access to behavioral and mental health services; effective community collaboration; and an increased feeling of physical, social, and emotional safety among students through a whole-school approach of positive and culturally responsive practices that increase student success. www.handlewithcarewv.org/handle-with-care.php

West Virginia Behavior/Mental Health Technical Assistance Center

This center serves as an extension of the WVDE to provide capacity-building models of coaching and supports to schools for all students including children with disabilities.

www.marshall.edu/bmhtac/request-for-assistance

WV DHHR Bureau for Behavioral Health Programs

The Bureau's Office of Children, Youth and Families administers programs to promote the behavioral health of children and youths in West Virginia communities through primary prevention and individualized services for mental health, substance use, and intellectual and developmental disabilities. The WVDE and the DHHR are committed to working together to support children and families. <https://dhhr.wv.gov/bhhf/Sections/programs/ProgramsPartnerships/ChildandAdolescent/Pages/ChildAdolescentBehavioralHealth.aspx>

PLEASE NOTE: This is not a comprehensive list. There may be additional opportunities for school partnerships in your community.